

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Richard H. Hall and Theodore W. Selby  
Attorney Docket No. BLANKET-358 - Filing Herewith  
For INERT GAS BLANKET FOR PROTECTION FROM OXIDATION

Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231:

Please amend the specification of this application:

In the Written Description

At page 1, immediately after the title, between lines 1 & 2,  
insert the following paragraph:

-- This claims the benefit of U.S. provisional patent  
application serial number 60/062,133 filed 10/15/97. --.

At page 2, line 14, insure that "argon" is deleted and that  
-- HALON (R)/FREON (R) -- is inserted therefor from the right hand  
margin.

At page 5, line 23, delete " "membrane," i.e., hollow fiber,"  
and insert therefor -- hollow fiber membrane --.

At page 7, line 1, insert the following sentence after the  
sentence ending with the word "truck." -- The device 50 may  
provide argon or carbon dioxide from air by use of a membrane. --

At page 8, line 23, delete the inserted "a" entirely.

In the Claims

Cancel without prejudice or disclaimer claims 1-15.

In claim 18, line 1, delete "which" entirely.

In claim 19, line 2, insert -- of -- before "air."

-- 21. A protected item in a movable vehicle comprising a  
generally enclosed space for containing an oxidatively labile  
substance, and attached in communication thereto an inert gas  
device for providing an inert gas blanket to said space to assist  
in protecting the oxidatively labile substance from oxidation,